

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please replace the Title of the Invention with the following amended Title of the Invention:

~~APOPTOSIS-INDUCING AGENT~~ VPR MUTANT PROTEIN AND ITS ENCODING GENE
HAVING APOPTOSIS-INDUCING ACTION

Please replace the paragraph appearing at page 5, lines 5-8, with the following amended paragraph:

(1) Primers designed for amplifying a gene coding for the C81 mutant protein (hereafter, referred to as "C81 mutant gene") were as follows:

Sense Primer: 5'-GAAGATATCCGAACAAGCCCCAGAAGAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 1)

Anti-sense Primer: 5'-GGTCTAGATCATATTCTGCTATGTCGACAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 2)